

**LT. GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI'S STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF LT.  
GOVERNOR LEO MCCARTHY**

"Patti and I share the sadness of every Californian who knew Leo McCarthy. Leo was my mentor in the Assembly and later when he became Lieutenant Governor. He was an incredibly honest and skilled leader whose only concern was the well-being of Californians. As Lieutenant Governor, Leo set the standard, using the office effectively to solve real problems. The quality of nursing homes and the preservation of our environment were his passions, and as Lieutenant Governor he pushed through new laws to raise the quality of care for seniors, and to strengthen protections for our environment. We mourn his passing and honor his commitment to public service."

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